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KING ALFONSO MAY ABDICATE.

Republicans' Challenge to Monarchy.

"A CLEAR SOLUTION."

Madrid, Yesterday.
Much comment has been aroused by a note in the Press signed by the Republicans who issued a manifesto last December saying, "If those in power have not learned the lessons of yesterday then we Republicans are willing to undertake the task of restoring the republic of Spain and assume full responsibility before the Nation and foreign powers."

The message is considered to be a challenge to King Alfonso.

Hitherto 974 Republicans have been returned, compared with 578 Monarchists. Even Republicans are astonished at the extent of their victory.

King Alfonso, according to the newspapers, in a conversation with one of his Ministers, declared that he was convinced that the Republican votes were directed at himself personally. Therefore, he considered it his business to arrive at a clear and definite solution of the affair.

Cabinet Resigns.

After a long Cabinet meeting it is believed that the Government decided to resign. One of the Ministers emphatically denied that the Cabinet even mentioned the question of King Alfonso's abdication, and said that the Cabinet's decision would be conveyed to the King to-morrow.—Reuter.

Earlier Cable.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Depression is noticeable in Government circles to-day, although there are returns still to come from thousands of rural districts which are expected to counter-balance the sweeping Republican victories in the towns, and even to show a pro-monarchist majority in the country as a whole.

Count Romanones, the Foreign Minister, invited foreign correspondents to meet him yesterday evening, but he was absent and the only information the correspondents received was that Guadalajara, which Romanones has represented in Parliament for a quarter of a century, has now gone Republican.

A feature of the elections has been that for the first time in history the mass of the population voted in full strength.—Reuter.

FLYING PREMIER. RETURNS TO LONDON IN A BOMBER.

SCOTTISH VACATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, returned by air to London to-day from Lossiemouth, his Scottish home, where he spent Easter during the Parliamentary recess. He travelled in a two-seater "bomber," piloted by Flight-Lieutenant Hislop, and the journey of 450 miles occupied 8 hours 40 minutes. As is his custom when flying, the Premier read during most of the flight, his book on this occasion being H. M. Tomlinson's essays, "Gifts of Fortune." On reaching Downing Street, the Premier was soon immersed in State business preparatory to a re-assembly of Parliament to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

CUSTOMS PACT. TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT LEAGUE MEETING.

BRITISH SUGGESTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The League Secretariat at Geneva to-day received the British Government's communication suggesting that the question of the proposed Austro-German Customs Agreement should be placed on the agenda of the Council meeting next month.—British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED TOBACCO SMUGGLER.

Truth About "Load of Material."

OFFICER'S CHASE.

NEW CABINET TO BE FORMED IN JAPAN.

Mr. Wakatsuki Called to the Palace.

FEW CHANGES EXPECTED.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
At 9.20 a.m. to-day there came a message summoning Mr. Wakatsuki to an audience in the Royal Palace at 10.30.

After receiving the Imperial command to form a new Cabinet, Mr. Wakatsuki is expected to proceed to hospital to consult with Mr. Hamaguchi regarding the composition of the Cabinet, which will probably be the same as before, except that General Minami is expected to replace Mr. Ugaki, while it is now intimated that Mr. Koizumi will probably be superseded in the Portfolio of Communications.

The new Cabinet is expected to be organised early in the evening.—Reuter.

FALSE SCALES.

FIREWOOD DEALER CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

A CLEVER TRICK.

Cheung Chun (30), a firewood dealer, was brought before Mr. Williams in the Second Central Court this morning, charged with having committed a fraud by using a weighing-yard which he knew was false at Caine Road on April 11. The complainant was Lo On-king, a tailor.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the second and third defendants, and applied for bail, which was allowed at \$500 each. Bail in the case of Lai Tak-hung was fixed at \$9,000 which is the value of the tobacco.

The hearing was fixed for 11.15 a.m. on Monday next.

DRAMATIC EVENING

THREE PLAYS TO BE GIVEN IN KOWLOON.

IN ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

We are asked to remind the public of the concert being held to-morrow at 9 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.

The Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Players are providing the entire programme with three one-act plays from their repertoire, and those who have already seen these clever amateurs in their different productions during the season can be assured of an enjoyable evening in store.

The plays to be presented are, "The Twelve Pound Look," a comedy by Sir James M. Barrie, "In Port," a drama adapted for the stage by Norman McKinnell, and "The Stepmother" a farce by the late Arnold Bennett. The plays are being produced by Mr. W. Robertson, and have been played here previously with definite success. A second presentation, therefore, gives the public an opportunity of seeing these amateur actors at their best, and should certainly enhance the reputation of the dramatic club.

No charge is being made for admission to the concert, but a collection will be made during the evening for the organ fund.

LOST AND FOUND.

NAVAL SURGEON MISSES HIS CAR.

Surg.-Lieut.-Comdr. Croxson-Davies, of the Royal Naval Hospital, reported to the Police that at 7.55 o'clock last night he parked his Austin Seven car near the grounds of the University. On returning at 11.30 p.m. he found that the vehicle was missing.

The car was recovered by the Police near the V.R.C. at the junction of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central, and taken to the Central Police Station compound.

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES.

Mukden, Yesterday.
The trustees in charge of the Chang Hsueh-liang educational fund, have decided to build two educational institutions at Mukden, one for scientific studies and the other for political culture. Each building is estimated to cost \$500,000.—Reuter.

U.S. MARINES MASSACRED

FIERCE BATTLE WITH REBELS.

CAPTAIN SHOT
CRUISER ORDERED
TO THE SCENE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Further details of the disturbances in Nicaragua show that three United States Marine officers and an entire patrol of native guards were wiped out yesterday in a desperate hand-to-hand encounter with insurgents near Puerto Cabezas, where the insurgents killed a number of natives employed by a steamship company. The American detachment fought the rebels until their ammunition gave out, when they were mercilessly massacred. Relief Despatched.

Bulab, Yesterday.
Serious disturbances have broken out at Nicaragua. Following the killing in an encounter between native guards and in-

OVERCAST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory, states:

A feeble anti-cyclone is central near Shanghai and a belt of low pressure extends from N.E. China to N.E. Japan.

A depression lies over Indo-China.

Local forecast:—E. winds; moderate; generally overcast; occasional rain.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. 1.12 inches. Rainfall since January 1—1.07 inches against an average of 8.24 inches—deficit 1.17 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong	65
Macao	65
Pratas Island	77
Manila	76
Foochow	58
Amoy	60
Swatow	62
Chefoo	47
Shanghai	52

surgents of a captain of the United States Marines, the latter are beleaguered on the east coast and have urgently requested Washington to send immediate naval protection. Consequently the United States patrol boat Asheville left Cristobal with 75 Marines and reinforcements, and the light cruiser Memphis has been ordered to proceed at full speed from Guantanamo with a landing force of 250 to Puerto Cabezas, where it is unconfirmedly reported that several United States Marines and a number of Americans have been killed in a battle with the insurgents, who captured a train.—Reuter's American Service.

SCENES AT FIRE.

CHILDREN THROWN INTO STREET.

CUT OFF BY FLAMES.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Men, women and children leaped into the street below, and several children, including a two-year-old child, were thrown into the street by their terrified parents when they were cut off by the flames of an early morning fire to-day off the North Shansi Road.

Eleven people were taken to various hospitals, and others who were injured were treated elsewhere. All the victims were Chinese. One youth is reported to be in a serious condition.

The large crowd of spectators who witnessed the blaze was horrified by the scenes.—Reuter.

PRINCE BIBESCO.

AIARMAN ARRIVES AT BAGDAD.

FLIGHT TO INDIA.

Bagdad, Yesterday.
Prince Bibesco has arrived here from Aleppo.—Reuter.

Prince Bibesco.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.
The disturbances in Portugal have hitherto caused no change in the plans of the Prince of Wales' visit to Lisbon, according to Mr. Lloyd Thomas, the Prince's private secretary.—Reuter's American Service.

LAND OF THE "FREE."

Soviet's New Decree
for Inventors.

SEVERE PENALTIES.

Riga, Yesterday.
Soviet citizens disposing of their inventions or technical improvements abroad without permission from the authorities will henceforth be liable to imprisonment for ten years, with the confiscation of all their property, under a decree issued by the Council of Peoples' Commissars.

The Soviet may even force inventors to hand over their inventions to the Government, the inventor to receive a document entitling him to housing and other privileges.—Reuter.

A BAD BOY.

YOUTH'S THEFT FROM EUROPEAN'S CAR.

A CHINESE MUTE.

Difficulty in obtaining a place from a Chinese mute was experienced in the Central Second Police Court this morning, when youth, 17 years of age, was charged before Mr. E. Williams with the theft of a motor car, owned by Mr. W. F. Stone, Assistant Accountant of the jack and some tools the property Police Department.

The mute was handed a piece of paper on which was written the charge, and, pointing to his eyes, defendant indicated with his hands that he was unable to read. Defendant's father came forward, and after explanation, the mute plead guilty to stealing the jack, but waved his hand in a negative manner when the tools were shown him.

Detective-Sergeant Flattery said that on April 12, defendant was arrested in Queen's Road Central near St. Francis Hotel. He was carrying a paper parcel, in which was the jack. The tools were found concealed on defendant's person.

The father:—My son also steals things from the house. He is a bad boy, and I should like your Worship to give him a long sentence so as to confine him in jail.

Sergeant Flattery remarked on the prevalence of thefts from cars.

The Magistrate convicted the mute on the charge of stealing the jack, and passed sentence of two months' hard labour. His Worship added that he took into consideration defendant's age.

EXTRALITY.

OPTIMISM IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

BRITISH POLICY.

Nanking, Yesterday.
The extraity negotiations are said to have taken a more favourable turn. Political circles are most optimistic regarding the outcome.

It is officially announced that the British Minister is expected at Nanking on April 18 to conduct the final stages of the negotiations, and it is considered possible that final British agreement may be signed at the end of the month.

Reports received from the Chinese Minister at Washington state that the final American extraity negotiations are also progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. C. T. Wang, speaking at the Government memorial meeting, expressed the hope that the extraity issue would be settled in the immediate future, and urged the Chinese people to do their utmost to give fair and equal treatment to foreign nationals upon the relinquishment by the Powers of their extraity privileges.—Reuter.

LIBERIA MISSION.

TO INVESTIGATE YELLOW FEVER.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The League of Nations has decided to send a mission to Liberia to organise the public health services and investigate yellow fever.

Dr. Melville Douglas Mackenzie will lead the mission.—British Wireless Service.

GOOD PROGRESS.

IMPROVEMENT IN KING'S HEALTH MAINTAINED.

London's Yesterday.

It was officially stated to-day that H.M. the King continues to make good progress.—Reuter.

Another Royal Patient.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Princess Victoria, the King's sister, who has had a severe cold and was seen on Saturday by Sir Milson Rees, the King's Laryngologist, had, to-day almost recovered.—British Wireless Service.

IN QUEST OF SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

Exploration of the Himalayas.

CENTENARIAN TRIBE.

Two explorers, Dr. Irvin Baird and Miss Jill Cossley-Batt, who sailed from Tilbury in the Ranpura for Bombay are to try to discover how we can all live to be centenarians.

They are at the beginning of a journey of 15,000 miles which will take them 18,000 feet up the slopes of the Himalayas.

They hope to re-discover a tribe of natives in a little known country on the Himalayan heights. This tribe was first discovered about ten years ago by Miss Cossley-Batt, and she then obtained reliable evidence that the people lived to the age of well over 100 years.

Dr. Irvin Baird, a tall, spare figure in khaki tunic and sun helmet, said that he and his companion, who are being financed by Anglo-American friends, are anxious to obtain information about the longevity, the eating habits, and the customs of this tribe.

Chaldean Origin.

"The tribe," he said, "is of Chaldean origin, driven back from Iraq, and there are about 600 people all told. We shall take the most complete camera records, and hope to bring back to Britain medical and other information which will help us to

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Bowen Road (Gherberds)	237
Tsimshun Mainland	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

COMPANY MEETINGS

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1931, until WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RISEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I, LIANG CHI-HAO, Managing Director, pursuant to the power vested in me under Article 5 of the Articles of Association of this Company intend to offer to the Shareholders on the register on the 20th April, 1931, the remaining 20,000 Ordinary Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each issued by the Company at par in proportion to the existing shares held by them respectively on that date.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1931.

LIANG CHI-HAO,
Managing Director.

SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 18th April, 1931, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1 p.m.

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Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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UNIQUE EPISODE.

At his home in Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, where he lives with his two sisters and a brother, I learned (writes a Daily Telegraph correspondent) the full story of the remarkable war experience of Major R. C. Campbell, of the East Surrey Regiment, which was referred to in Sir John French's "Diary" in the Daily Telegraph.

As stated by Sir John French, Major Campbell, who was wounded at Mons and taken prisoner, was granted a fortnight on parole by the ex-Kaiser in order that he might visit Britain to see his mother, who was seriously ill.

It is believed to have been the only British prisoner of war to be released on his own parole while fighting was still in progress.

Capt. Campbell (as he then was) has been told off with his company to hold a bridge at all hazards. Nearly all were shot down, and Capt. Campbell himself received four wounds.

Petition to the Kaiser.

Two years later, when Capt. Campbell was a prisoner in a war camp, news reached him of the serious illness of his mother, and he made the request to come home to see her before she died. The refusal was in the ordinary routine of affairs.

But he interested the German censor of prisoners' letters, a kindly man, who assured him that the only possible way would be to make a petition direct to the Kaiser. He went so far as to help him write the petition.

To Capt. Campbell's great joy it reached the Kaiser and brought permission. The prisoner was to have a fortnight's leave at home. He was, of course, to reveal no secret, that was part of his parole, and he was to return to Germany.

Once the leave was granted the Germans did their best to make matters as easy as possible. Capt. Campbell was escorted to the Dutch frontier and supplied with the necessary money to make the journey. He was in time to see his mother, and it was a great comfort to her in her last hours.

At the end of the fortnight he returned to Germany.

Later he was one of a party of fifteen war prisoners who escaped from a camp at Magdeburg by tunnelling their way out. They walked towards the North German coast hoping to get away by sea to Denmark.

Some of them were soon recaptured. Capt. Campbell was one of the two last to be seized after he had been at liberty seventeen days, hiding in ditches and where he could be by day and making progress under cover of night.

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The first navigator of whom we have any record and in whom his (or possibly her) captain apparently placed implicit trust was the dove utilised by Noah to find land. Now many an unfortunate navigator of the present day envies the unerring instinct of that bird. In this connection it is of interest to record that the early Norsemen often used birds to act as guides when out of sight of land. An Icelandic historian, in giving an account of a voyage from the Shetlands to Iceland, states that the captain, before sailing, took on board a basket of crows. When he thought he had made a considerable part of the way one crow was released which flew astern thus indicating that the ship was nearer Shetland than Iceland. After some time a second crow was sent up, but this one returned to the vessel and thus showed that no land was in the vicinity. A little later on a third crow was released which flew off ahead and, following the direction in which the bird had flown, the ship arrived safely at her destination.

Crude Instruments.

When one compares the rough and ready methods of the early explorers and the crude instruments they used with the modern methods of navigation, one is amazed at the marvellous results that they achieved; but it is undeniable that a very strong measure of good fortune accompanied their more spectacular achievements. The problem that remained unsurmounted until only 150 years ago centred on the determination of longitude. By means of the cross staff and astrolabe, seamen could determine their latitude with reasonable accuracy, but after a long voyage across the Atlantic their longitude might be in error to the extent of several hundreds of miles. Imagine under cover of night running blindly on to meet the land, not knowing whether it is a hundred miles away or close at hand! Not until an accurate timekeeper was produced in 1759 could the mariner guarantee his position at sea to within 30 miles.

This timekeeper was produced by John Harrison, a Yorkshire carpenter, who thereby won the Admiralty award of £20,000 to be presented to the first inventor of a method of determining ship's longitude to within 30 miles. In 1761 this timekeeper was sent for an official trial in one of H.M. ships to Jamaica and back. When the ship returned to Portsmouth after a five months' voyage, its total error was only 1 min. 53 sec., corresponding to 18 geographical miles. This chronometer is preserved in Greenwich Observatory, where it is still in running order.

Element of Luck.

Even now, with all the aids to Navigation discovered by man's scientific genius, the element of luck may play a considerable part in determining the success or otherwise of a "landfall" or carrying the ship clear of some uncharted, or maybe charted, danger. The sky might have been overcast for days and so prevented any astronomical observations, fog might have prevented any fixing from the land, unknown tidal streams might have carried the ship far from her original course, and strong winds might have made the determination of leeway only very approximate.

Every time one of H.M. ships puts to sea the navigator, metonymically speaking, hangs his brass hat on the jack-staff, where it balances precariously and from which any error of judgment or inaccuracy may easily dislodge it. On his actions largely depend the safety of the ship and the lives of those on board; while he always flirts with his own prospects in the service to which he has committed his career.

A True Story.

How easy in navigation is it to be inaccurate, how easy to lay a course off wrong, how easy even to alter course on the chart and neglect to see that the alteration has been made correctly by the officer of the watch. The navigator gets into the habit of checking and re-checking all his work and constantly examining the chart for some danger that might have hitherto escaped his detection. There is the true story of a squadron-navigator, not so very long ago, suddenly altering the course of his squadron to avoid what he thought was a danger shown on the chart as lying across their track, and which had

previously escaped his notice. When the alteration has been duly carried out he went to the chart to examine it more closely and found the supposed danger to have been a drop of cocoa which a midshipman had thoughtlessly spilt upon his chart.

But there is another side of the navigator's work in his own professional subject. There are still parts of the world where very approximate surveys have been carried out, there are countless coasts of which the shoals and reefs have altered since they were last charted, and so offer considerable danger to shipping; there are sharp rocks that have escaped the surveyor's lead, there are magnetic disturbances hitherto undetected, which affected the compasses, there are new objects erected near the coast that, if fixed, would render navigation "in the vicinity" both safer and simpler, and there are many other amendments to be made to the existing charts.

An Impossibility.

The hydrographic department of the Admiralty is looked upon as the foremost authority in the world on all matters connected with the delineation of the navigable waters of the earth, but it is nevertheless a manifest impossibility to have a surveying service large enough to keep up-to-date all the existing charts.

To those unconnected with the naval service it is often a wonder why the British Admiralty should regard navigation as a specialist branch, whereas in many other services this is not the case.

With the modern navigational appliances, they argue, it should not be difficult for any seaman to get in reasonable safety from one place to another. That may be so, but it is only constant study of the subject and continual experience that will enable him to do so with the maximum efficiency. A Jack of all trades is master of none. Apart from this, the navigator is an expert in all subjects connected with navigation, the most important of which is the handling of ships and squadrons in which he makes a special study, and is therefore the captain's right hand man.

Local Diplomacy.

As a rule it is unnecessary for H.M. ships to embark a pilot when entering or leaving harbour. When they do so it is generally only to conform with local susceptibilities or as a matter of diplomacy.

Even then the navigator's responsibility is not abrogated, for it is his duty to watch the pilot carefully and report to his captain if he considers the pilot to be in any way inefficient.

If the pilot runs the ship aground, the navigator shares a large proportion of the blame. Invidious situations have often arisen in this respect.

The Vindictive placed herself alongside the mole at Zeebrugge after dark and with no shore lights to guide the navigator to whom the harbour was unknown. When the ship returned to Dover a pilot had to be embarked to bring the ship into that well-known harbour in broad daylight.

The Navigation School at Portsmouth has seen the rise and was itself the nucleus of all that we now mean by naval education.

It was first built in 1729 as an optional house of learning and an alternative method by which a boy might enter the Royal Navy. In it, we are told

mathematics, French, drawing, fencing and dancing were taught, and the building went by the name of the Royal Naval Academy, but in 1806 it petered out due to its scheme of instruction being optional and irregular.

Two years later, however, it

opened again as the Royal Naval College, and in 1816 the School of Naval Architecture was incorporated in it.

But in 1836 the exponents of the idea that the cockpit of a man-of-war was the best school for naval education succeeded in having the building closed.

Introduction of Steam.

The introduction of steam, however, opened up a vista of infinite possibilities and infinite naval requirements far above and beyond anything yet conceived.

So, in 1839, the old college again took up its pioneering work as the precursor of Greenwich and the other technical schools, and was commanded by the captain of the Excellent. This state of affairs continued until 1903, when the captain of the Excellent retired to Whittle Island, and three years later the building de-

S.S. INDIA.

TO BE SCRAPPED AFTER SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

The scrapping of the Greek steamer, India, in Holland is one which is of particular interest to a generation which remembers the efforts made in the 'nineties to secure strength and economy in tramp steamers.

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The Government employed her from the end of 1916 until after the Armistice on various duties, her only real mishap being a collision in the Bay of Biscay with the Spanish steamer Ramon Mumbru, which was subsequently found solely to blame. After the Armistice she was sold to the Bland Line, of Gibraltar, and she was re-sold in 1925 to Greek owners, who re-named her India.

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NO INDISPENSABLES.

In civic life it was proven during the Great War that no man is indispensable. Thus was the "guid' conceit" of many of themselves rudely shattered. Some fresh shattering force is required in our civic life in this Colony to-day. The discussion on the Volunteer Corps alone demonstrates that many young men are shirking their duties to the community. All that worries them is the shortest cut to sport and pleasure — the minimum of work for the best possible salary. They indulge in a hobby, and they ride it to death at the expense of business efficiency. Their work is scamped and a handicap to their employers. And the mercantile interests of the whole Colony suffer ultimately and inevitably. The call to public service of any kind falls on deaf ears. They come, they exist, and they leave us as mere rentites and nothing more.

Generals may wax eloquent on the communal and individual advantages of Volunteering, but office staffs refuse to be coaxed or cajoled. A plea may be made to further rifle shooting, but once again personal inclinations come first and the number of skilled marksmen remains disgracefully small. The St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Boy Scouts, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Society for the Protection of Children may require helpers in the good cause, but find that they have to carry on with the usual handful — for the young men who have the time and have the vitality are far too

engrossed in personal hobbies and amusements to take a hand in anything appertaining to the welfare of other people.

Now and again we do witness a youth enrolling in the Volunteers or the Police Reserve, but his enthusiasm — if ever it could be called by such — is evanescent and evaporates quicker than it came on the plan of it being "too much beastly fag." They are indispensable in their own little niche and really cannot be spared for causes outside their own petty personal inclinations. They become self-centred, and they remain self-centred. Let "the other fellow" join the Volunteers. Let "the other fellow" qualify for the interport rifle shoot. Let "the other fellow" help the Ambulance Brigade or the Boy Scouts. That is their affair! Sufficient for the day is the shirking of civic duty or the pursuing of a personal hobby thereof. If certain folk care to court the limelight, let them do so! The Government cannot fall. Public bodies will still exist. Why worry so long as the minimum of work is done with the minimum of effort? There are always some "fools" ready to "hold the baby."

It may be — or, it may not be — that we have in part anticipated some of the Rev. E. G. Powell's observations on "Community Service" at the Rotary Club meeting to-day. Of that we have no intention. Nor can we possibly "steal his thunder" without knowing beforehand what he is going to say. It is safe to presume that he will treat his subject purely from the viewpoint of a Rotarian. But can Rotary of itself assist the self-conscious, self-centred young man to come forward and "do his stuff" by the community in which he resides, by the office from which he draws his monthly salary, to the flag that daily gives him protection? Can Rotary of itself convert laggards and malingerers as regards public service into zealots and enthusiasts?

Can Rotary of itself create a more favourable atmosphere toward joining the Volunteers, toward helping the Ambulance Brigade, toward joining in the various public movements for the betterment and uplift of the Colony as a whole? Can Rotary teach the youthful braggadocio that he cannot live unto himself, employing his own and his master's time in pursuits of a purely personal character, without that, even in some indirect way, damaging the welfare of the whole Colony?

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 64 degrees. The humidity was 95 at 10 a.m. and 94 at 4 p.m.

A concert and dance in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, St. Joseph's College Division will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Mr. B. G. Birch will address the University Arts Association on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. on "Some Notes on Histories and Historians" in the Union Assembly Hall of the University. All interested are cordially invited.

A black mongrel dog, owned by a foreman of the P.W.D. at Kowloon Waterworks, was sent to Ma Tau Kok for observation yesterday, after it had bitten Mrs. G. W. Kynoch, who was later treated in the Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese woman who was banished for five years in 1930 was found wandering in Kowloon, 18 months after her banishment. In the Kowloon Police Court this morning sentence of six months' imprisonment was imposed.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Lam Yee, an unemployed Chinese, was sent to jail for six weeks for stealing twenty catties of tobacco, the property of Ip Tung, from a vacant plot of ground near Shamshuiipo Market.

Lam Tsui, a Chinese, appeared in the Kowloon Police Court this morning charged with stealing a brass water tap and a length of piping from the Tung Nam matched in Prince Edward Road. He pleaded "guilty" and was sent to jail for one month.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, in the Kowloon Police Court, yesterday, received judgment till this afternoon in the case against Wang Chao-chi, a Chinese constable, who is charged with entering an opium den at 103, Yee Kok Street, demanding a bribe of 70 cents, and assaulting Li Au.

Accidentally falling from the roof of a house in the course of construction in Lockhart Road, Wan-chai, a female earth coolie named Mak Yee (26), living at 344 Portland Street, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her leg and forehead. Her condition is serious.

For the larceny of 20 lb of soldering lead, the property of the P.W.D., an unemployed Chinese was fined \$50, or in default one month's jail, by Mr. E. H. Williams this morning. Sub-Ins. Langley stated that the lead was stolen from the University football ground, where the P.W.D. were engaged in laying pipes. Defendant worked on a site near by and was known to the P.W.D. foreman.

At the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Hong Kong Auxiliary) yesterday afternoon, the following Committee was elected for 1931: The clergy and ministers of contributing churches, Naval and Military Chaplains serving in Hong Kong, a representative of the Y.M.C.A., three representatives of the Hong Kong and South China Bible Society, lady collectors appointed by the churches; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. J. H. Montgomery and the Hon. Secretary, Rev. Frank Short. Mr. J. L. MacPherson was elected Vice-President.

Before leaving for the North for the summer the Chief and Petty Officers of H.M.S. Cumberland held their farewell dance in the Garrison Lecture Hall, Wellington Barracks, last night. Among those present were: Captain L. F. Potter, Captain of H.M.S. Cumberland, and Col. E. A. Lang, R.A.P.C. The popular "Cumberland Revellers" supplied the music, and judging by the fine reception of their numbers there will be a general regret that they will not be heard again this season. Credit for the arrangements, which were carried through without a hitch, is due to Petty Officer Rush, and his energetic committee.

The Empress of Scotland, which caught fire and burned for three days at Blyth breaking up yard of Messrs. Hughes, Bolckow, Ltd., is being dismantled.

The vessel is still resting in the bed of the river, and in a few weeks' time the demolition will have to be suspended until she is refloated. This may prove a difficult task, and until it is done, it will not be known how much work will be provided.

The dismantling may take about a year.

COMIC SYMBOL OF WISDOM.

Clown of the Feathered World.

THE LITTLE OWL.

It seems strange that the little owl, clown of the feathered world, grotesque in its actions and ludicrous in expression, should be the species above all others which was held sacred to Pallas Athene, goddess of wisdom, of the arts, of science, and of war.

Certainly we poor mortals find laughter irresistible when we behold the bird of wisdom in fluffy mottled dress, with big and flattened head, immense lustrous lemon-coloured eyes, shining like beacons, yet comical in expression; bobbing up and down like a "Jack-in-the-box," shooting up so as to appear three times its natural length, and shutting up again like a telescope; and accompanying these movements by light rapid jogs and twists of its head, through every conceivable angle.

Yet surely (writes Professor C. J. Patten in a Home paper) the goddess must have been enchanted, for the little owl with all its grotesqueness possesses many and varied charms of its own. Its dress is particularly pleasing both in shade and pattern. Above, the ground colour is rich sepia, streaked with sepia. The plumage, compared with that of other brown owls, is distinctive; the shades are aesthetic, the pattern clearly defined.

We are fascinated by a pair of lovely large, lemon-coloured eyes, clear as crystal, penetrating, yet readily softened in expression by kindness. For the little owl, full of affection, gentleness, and docility, makes a delightful house pet. When dressed, its eyes, peering dreamily into space, grow more and more limpid. But immediately the bird of wisdom is put on its perch, sentimental looks vanish; the comic element sets in, and no matter what may be our mood, we cannot repress a laugh.

In Spring it is incumbent to keep the male some distance from the house. Day and night he becomes markedly loquacious, pouring forth an exasperating, monotonous cry, syllabled quo-quo-quo-quo.

Intrepid Hunter.

In the wild, this diminutive bird of prey exhibits some charming features. It hunts to a large extent in daylight. In the Spring, when busily catering for four or five youngsters, its rapine and temerity are often remarkable. The nestlings receive large supplies of food during the day. I have dropped across one of their parents in full sunlight, casting about on the wing for beetles and other insects, which were frequently snatched off the ground. I have also watched at noonday the beautifully buoyant undulating flight of the intrepid hunter who, calculating to a nicety, surprises and captures a blackbird or thrush on the wing at very close range.

In sequestered spots, small birds are usually taken unawares on the ground. In the open, the little owl runs a considerable chance of being foiled in the chase. I have seen a skylark shoot up from a meadow and, with inappreciable handicap, make so steep and rapid an ascent that the pursuer was left far below. The race was soon relinquished.

The young are fed largely on mice, voles, small rats, various insects (notably beetles), earthworms, birds less frequently, and exceptionally on very young rabbits. With such variety of quarry obtainable during daylight, it is easy to comprehend why slumbering birds are not snatched from their roosting-places so frequently as they are in Winter.

The Capture.

I have noticed the little owl lurking about rabbit-warrens, especially those situated in embankments, overhanging by exposed gnarled roots, boulders, and rough caked soil, which, with bracken and other undergrowth, help to screen the sun's rays. It is not always easy to determine the distance that the little owl penetrates into the burrow. On the least suspicion of danger the hunter speedily makes an exit, and it seems most likely that the baby rabbit is captured at the entrance.

A short time ago I surprised a little owl at very close range in a field surrounded by high banks. The quaint eptor stood over its prostrate prey, staring at me for a moment. Then it rose, and, holding on tenaciously to its booty, it headed in a "bee-line" for a rabbit-hole, down which it instantly disappeared.

In this case it descended beyond arm's reach. The quarry was a very early infant rabbit, albeit a hefty load for a miniature bird of prey to bear away, even for a short distance.

In spite of the rapacious character of the little owl there is much to be made out on the credit side. The percentage of birds, especially game, taken by owls is quite low. The little owl, notwithstanding its wide choice of quarry, performs an incalculable service, in conjunction with its larger congeners in demolishing hosts of cockchafers and other insect pests.

Voices may increase until they become a veritable plague. Owls, if not persecuted, help to ease the situation, and the tiller of the soil reaps the benefit. Obviously it is an extremely short-sighted policy to lessen the numbers of these active hunters. Their active and habitual destruction of harmful insects and rodents more than compensates for their occasional attention to young game or to small birds useful to the agriculturist.

BERLIN BARNUM.

CIRCUS OWNER'S BID TO BECOME LORD MAYOR.

The appointment of a new Chief Burgomaster of Berlin has led to an interesting application for this very responsible post. It comes from Herr Stosch-Sarrasani, owner and director of a well-known German circus.

Some weeks ago, when the application was first made, it was regarded rather as a good joke, with the object of securing advertisement. But, with the date of nomination approaching, Herr Stosch-Sarrasani has repeated his application with extreme gravity. He declares that he is not in need of advertisement, and says that people do not seem to realise the qualifications necessary to become a good circus manager, emphasising his point with the remark: "It is easier for a circus director to become a Chief Burgomaster than for a Chief Burgomaster to become a circus director."

In further support of his claim, Herr Stosch-Sarrasani recalls the names of former circus celebrities who have become municipal officials, notably the famous Barnum, who became Mayor of Bridgeport. He gives many reasons for this, pointing out that if one can successfully manage as many animals, clowns, and freaks as he has done, one should not find it difficult to guide the various factors in Berlin municipal politics.

In more serious vein the circus owner relates how he has three times pulled his circus organisation together when it was passing through difficult days, which encourages him in the belief that he is the man to pull Berlin together in its rather difficult days. His qualities as a business man, and as a showman, are peculiarly fitting for the job.

Herr Stosch-Sarrasani's application is now being seriously entertained.

TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG RAJA

The minor Raja of Partapner was killed recently in tragic circumstances.

The former Raja of Partapner (reputedly a direct descendant of Raja Prithviraj, who was one of the foremost Hindu kings opposing the original Muslim invasions of Northern India), died seven years ago without

K. R. A.

FAREWELL TO REV. J. H. JOHNSTON.

PLEASING PRESENTATION.

There was a representative gathering of members of the Kowloon Residents' Association in St. Andrew's Church Hall last night with a farewell presentation was made to the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, a past President of the Association, on his impending departure from the Colony.

A Sad Business.

The President, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, addressing the gathering said: "Except at our annual meetings it is rarely that we have any occasion to call together the members of the Kowloon Residents' Association but the committee have felt that we should ask you to gather here this evening to do honour to one who has served the Association well and who is shortly about to leave us. To say 'Good-bye' is a sad business but in this Colony of Hong Kong, I am afraid, men come and men go. I am not going to detain you very long this evening as we fortunately have a colleague in Mr. Cock, who is one of the oldest past presidents of the Association, to speak on our behalf."

Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., in making the presentation of a Chinese ivory chess set, on behalf of the members, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Reverend Sir, — The President has deputed to me the honour of addressing you to-night on behalf of the K.R.A.

Your calling brings you mostly into touch with our spiritual interests but by your work on this important Committee you have looked after the more material side of our aspirations and existences.

Aye Ready.

You have always been ready and willing to respond to any calls for help or consolation and



Do you think we could live on ten pounds a week if we were married?"

"Yes, Jack, for a week, but no longer." — Bulletin, Sydney.

though you are comparatively a short sojourner in this great little Colony you will leave your mark in the handsome church which has been erected under your direction.

With us you will leave in our minds a pleasant memory, in our meetings and in our hearts a void.

For two years you have been our President and have led our debates and discussions with tact, wisdom and dignity, and it is for this we are honouring you now.

My all too brief expression of our appreciation supplements this modest gift of chessmen.

On the board is, in a sense, reproduced the game of life, the tangles and complexities are like ours, each man while appearing to stand alone on his appointed square depends on the support of his side and that support must be loyal, correct and prompt if that game is to be won. The pawn has his place as well as the bishops. To-night is the bishop's move, your move, with which we are particularly concerned and we are united in wishing you and yours, success, health and happiness in your new square. (Applause).

Trying Circumstances.

Accepting the gift the Rev. Horace Johnston said that although the circumstances were very trying he would endeavour to respond to the very kind words spoken by Mr. Cock and to thank the Association for the very handsome present.

The speaker referred to his seven years' residence in Kowloon and spoke of the changes he had seen during that time—the going up of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., then of the Peninsula Hotel and then a tide of modern architecture. He recalled going with the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher up the hill on which now stands the Kowloon Hospital. The Hon. Mr. Fletcher at that time pointed to a vacant site which is now Kowloon Tong.

Regarding the K.R.A., the speaker said that in his second year here he was elected on the committee. That surprised him and he was again surprised when the following year he was asked to step up to the chair. When he was nominated a second time

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"REMOTE CONTROL" WITH W. HAINES.

A MASTER-CROOK.

A clever story of a master-crook who directs the activities of a gang of bank robbers by giving out clues in nighty radio talkies, forms the idea behind William Haines' newest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkies, "Remote Control," now showing in the Queen's Theatre. Haines has one of his most interesting roles to date as manager of the broadcast station who becomes implicated in the robberies but manages to prove his innocence by tracking down the real crooks. Combined with the high tension mystery is a huge fund of typical Haines comedy, one scene being particularly riotous, in which the comedian initiates a number of well known radio stars.

Polly Moran, in the guise of an adviser to beauty seeking flappers, adds to the hilarity, while equally good performances are offered by Mary Doran in the feminine lead; Charlie King, who sings the picture song hit, "Just a Little Closer"; John Miljan, as the "bad man"; J. C. Nugent, Edward Nugent, Wilbur Mack, James Donlan, Edward Brophy, Warner P. Richmond and Russell Hopton. But the leading honours must go to Haines, whose splendid handling of both the comedy and dramatic angles of his part marks another high spot in his stilk career.

STRICTLY UNCONVENTIONAL

"Strictly Unconventional," W. Somerset Maugham's brilliant comedy of marriage and morals which is showing at the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, was adapted from his play, "The Circle," which was one of the most widely distributed plays in the history of the drama. Its clever dialogue has been translated into over 20 languages and dialects, and it has been played in more than 40 countries. Its American stage success with the late John Drew and Mrs. Leslie Carter is well known. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer gave the direction of this comedy to David Burton. The cast includes Lewis Stone, Catherine Dale, Owei, Ernest Torrence, Alison Skipworth, Tyrrell Davis, Mary Forbes and Paul Cavanagh, a newcomer from Britain.

"WHOOPEE."

To be the most beautiful blonde in Hollywood is a good deal of a distinction in a town where blondes are as common as and as beautiful as they are scarce and homely in less fortunate places. Yet that is the title bestowed by Artist Henry Clive on Muriel Finley, glorified Ziegfeld showgirl, in "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical sensation, starring Eddie Cantor, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Clive selected Miss Finley after a six months' search through Hollywood which he figured to be the place where beauty was best and most abundant. Immediately he chose her, Florenz Ziegfeld gave her a contract to appear in the stage version of "Whoopee," then running at the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York.

he was astonished, and "now I am dumfounded at this honour," he added.

Presidential Leanings.
As President he had enjoyed himself quite a lot and the work had been quite delightful. "In Hong Kong, I find that the Presidents of Clubs and Societies think it is their duty to dominate the meeting. They often make motions from the chair and feel they are called upon to regulate the whole policy of the Club. I don't say that is always the case, but I have seen something of the kind," said the speaker.

"At Home the chairman's model is the Speaker of the House of Commons, a man who has no voice except to utter what he perceives to be the mind of the House. The ideal chairman is one who is able to focus his thoughts on the group of persons upon the issue in question, and as he listens to their deliberations he senses what is the feeling of the meeting and then he assists in the process of crystallising the sentiments into a phrase." Mr. Johnston said that misunderstandings and sharp division of opinions were simply the result of two persons seeing a thing from a difficult angle.

In conclusion, the speaker said that the gift was particularly apt as it would remind him of the fact that he was one of the three founders of the Kowloon Chess Club, from which institution he carried away a small silver cup as one of the "couvenants" which he had won. (Applause).

HEIR-PRETENDER.

NEW DAY FOR FRENCH ROYALTY.

WEDDING IN PALERMO.

Paris, April 7. French royalists see the dawning of a new day, bringing health and vigour to the House of Bourbon-Orleans, in to-morrow's marriage, at Palermo, of Prince Henri, Count de Paris, and his distant cousin, Princess Isabella d'Orleans-Bragance.

Prince Henri, who will celebrate his 23rd birthday on July 5, is the heir-pretender to the throne of France. Tall, handsome, with the blue eyes and black hair of the Orleans family, Prince Henri is the favourite of French royalists. His father, the Due de Guise, is the actual pretender to the throne.

Princess Isabella, 20 years old, is the daughter of Prince and Princess Pierre d'Alcantara. The Prince, who was born at Petropolis, near Rio de Janeiro, renounced his pretensions to the Brazilian throne in favour of his brother, Prince Louis, at Cannes in 1908. Princess Isabella is thus the direct descendant of Don Pedro of Brazil.

French Royalists believe to-morrow's marriage of these two young descendants of King Louis Philippe and King Louis XV will unite the party as it has never been united since the establishment of the Third Republic. Prince Henri, who like his father is exiled from France, has completed his studies and is now preparing himself for his royal duties if ever called to the French throne.

To-morrow's ceremony will be held in the strictest privacy at the Palais d'Orleans at Palermo in the presence of the Duc and Duchess of Guise and immediate members of the two families. Only leading members of the Royalist movement have been invited to attend. After the wedding, the young royal couple will return to Brussels where Prince Henri will continue his military studies.

French instructors of military tactics and international law and government are constantly in attendance upon the Prince at the family home near Brussels. The Prince spends 6 hours of every day in study, the remainder in hunting and horseback riding.

French royalists were allowed to present their felicitations to the young bride at a recent reception in Paris over which the Duchess of Guise and the Prince and Princess Pierre d'Orleans Bragance presided. Thousands of royalists, many of whom had come to Paris from the provinces especially for the ceremony, filed past the young couple and pledged themselves to serve, honour and obey the Prince and Princess.

United Press.

STOP PRESS

Madrid, Yesterday. The Capital is sleepless and excited. Night revellers are dancing and singing, accepting as gospel (in spite of a Ministerial denial) the report that King Alfonso has already abdicated and actually left the Palace.

Crowds assembled outside the heavily guarded Palace, unsuccessfully seeking to glean the truth from shadows crossing the blinds. The fact that the Police are frequently fraternising with the revellers explains the virtual absence of collisions, though the Police fired on a crowd of Republicans outside the Republican newspaper offices and wounded five persons.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday. It is reliably learned that there are three changes in the new Cabinet. Mr. Ugaki, Minister of War, Mr. Tawara, Minister of Commerce, and Mr. Matsuda, Overseas Minister, are retiring and will be replaced by Messrs. Jiro Minami, Kikuchi Tanomogi, and Yukio Sakurada, but there will possibly be some reshuffling of portfolios.—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.

The International Conference of Sugar Exporters has passed a resolution, firstly, for automatic release of 225,000 tons of sugar if the price reaches two cents F.O.B. Cuba; secondly, the optional release of two-and-a-half per cent at two-and-a-quarter cents; thirdly, the compulsory release of 225,000 or 112,500 tons at two-and-a-half per cent, depending on whether the quota of two-and-a-half per cent has been released at two-and-a-quarter cents.—Reuter.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre;

"Follow Through."

To-day — Queen's

Theatre;

"Remote Control."

To-day — Central

Theatre;

"Morocco."

To-day — Majestic

Theatre;

"Captain of the Guard."

To-day — Star

Theatre;

"Four Devils."

To-day — World

Theatre;

"On Your Back."

Home Malls.

To-morrow — Outward for Europe

via Marseilles (Hector), 10.30 a.m.

Thursday — Inward from Europe

via Negapatam (Harrup Maru).

Meetings.

To-day — Sanitary Board, 4:15

p.m.

Thursday — Hong Kong & Shang-

hai Hotels, Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

April 27 — Court of University,

5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day — Concert, Cheero Club,

8 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE BLUE STAR LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Steamer, "IONIC STAR"

From CONTINENTAL PORTS.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 18th instant at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Agents.

Hong Kong, 13th April, 1931.

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on April 1, 1931, is as under:

City and Hill District.

1930 1931

Tytan 14' 7" B 26' 11" B

Tytan Byewash 22' 6" B 25' 1" B

Tytan Intermediate 55' 7" B 35' 0" B

Tytan Tuk 33' 5" B 42' 10" B

Wong Nei Chung 26' 7" B 26' 10" B

Pokfulum 17' 7" B 22' 7" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1930 1931

Tytan 272.35 193.20

Tytan Byewash 1.67

Tytan Intermediate 14.50

Tytan Tuk 437.00

Wong Nei Chung 6.38

Pokfulum 29.00

19.63

Total 761.10 656.40

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

1930 1931

Consumption 216.01 257.13

Estimated population 441,160 451,480

Consumption per head per day 15.8 18.4

March, 1930.—From March 1 to 31, a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts (Principal Main Districts closed, 6 p.m.—6 a.m.).

March, 1931.—From March 1 to 31, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts.

Kowloon.

KING'S THEATRE

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AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.

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SCREEN IN A GORGEOUS
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Patrons are requested to call for seats reserved,
15 minutes before the show. No reservation can be
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COMMENCING WEDNESDAY

"ANIMAL CRACKERS"
WITH
THE FOUR MARX BROTHERS
AND
LILIAN ROTH.

Majestic THEATRE

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD
LAURA LaPLANTE JOHN BOLES
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CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD
TO-DAY & TO-MORROW

HIS THE VOICE THAT
SWAYED A NATION IN
REVOLTHERS A LOVE THAT
BRIDGED A CHASM OF
STRIFE AND DANGER!

Sport Columns

IRISH SWEEPSTAKE
WINNINGS.Court Orders Them to
Be Invested.

WINNER SUED.

London, Yesterday. The Judge of the Dublin High Court has ordered Emilio Scala's Irish Hospitals Grand National Sweepstake winnings to be invested pending the hearing of the action against Scala by two London Italians, Epicella and Constantino, who claim a share of the winnings under an agreement.—Reuter.

DISCORD IN GOLF
CONTROL.An Example of Its
Damage.

DIVIDED UNIONS.

It seems to me that the match between teams of British amateurs and professionals, which has been fixed to take place on the Gosforth Park Course at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 30, ought to be one of the finest golf fixtures of the year, writes Harry Vardon in the Sports Dispatch.

Unfortunately, it has suffered during its short career (or it was founded only two seasons ago) from the confusion which exists in the administration of the game, and which is steadily growing worse. Twelve months ago the result of these divergencies of opinion on the part of several bodies of greater or less authority was that much difficulty was experienced in raising the sides, and that some of the players, who took part in the match, were reserves of a rather remote degree.

During my three tours in the United States and many talks with American amateurs when they have visited this country, nothing has impressed me more than the whole-heartedness with which they pay tribute to their matches with professionals as an aid to efficiency. They say that they never miss an opportunity of engaging in such games, mostly of a private character, and that they can generally learn something, besides being spurred to play up to concert pitch.

For some reason the leading British amateurs have nearly parted company from their professionals—at any rate, from the point of view of competition. Very few of the men who are deemed good enough for the Walker Cup match now take part in the Open Championship. It is a pity, because the amateurs were once a force with whom we had to reckon very seriously, just as the American professionals now have to regard their amateur rivals.

This team match between amateurs and professionals ought to be indispensable and a worthy equivalent as a sporting contest to the cricketing affair at Lord's between Gentlemen and Players. Yet it appears to me to have been torn by discord.

Divided Unions.

The truth is, I fear, that internal dissension is creeping more and more strongly into the control of golf. Competition and jealousy are gaining sway where co-operation is needed. In spite of all this, the game is making headway because of its own intrinsic qualities, but it would be idle to pretend that it is moving forward with the same impetus as in the United States, where an undivided administration has fostered greater skill in every stratum of the golfing community.

The team match between amateurs and professionals is an example of the muddled state of affairs from which golf suffers in Britain.

I believe that the leading players of both cessions felt that its institution would be a good thing as an incentive to a higher standard of golf (which must react inevitably on the handicap battalions), and, as the Royal and Ancient Club showed no inclination to give it a start, the English Golf Union decided to step into the breach. They invited the help of the Scottish Union, and, much to their surprise, met with a refusal.

In the end, they had to make themselves responsible for the venture; but although the match was a success at West Bromwich two years ago, it has not so far possessed the cachet that it deserved.

Element of Pleasure.

Last season several of the leading professionals withdrew from it. As it is held on behalf of the benevolent fund of their own association, their action must have struck most people as being a particularly gratuitous slight to the fixture, and I can only suppose that behind it lay a certain element of pique born of the circumstance that the amateurs who had just previously represented Britain in the Walker Cup match were supposed to have scorned the idea of professional coaching.

In any case, it is unfortunate that differences of opinion exist among the several organizations that assist in the government of golf, and that the rifts are becoming more and more pronounced, while everybody concerned tries diplomatically to avoid the appearance of an open breach.

How long this can continue I do not know. There seems to be very little mutual help anywhere. I have been told that when the Union of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland decided seven years ago to form their joint committee they were determined to take the control of golf in all its aspects out of the hands of the Royal and Ancient

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE
TO PHAR LAP.Bookmakers Refuse to
Lay Odds.

THE KING'S PLATE.

From another distant land, in which so much store is set on racing, comes news of the further doings of Australia's "wonder" horse, Phar Lap, writes a correspondent in a Home paper. He has just won the King's Plate, a weight-for-age race over a mile and a half.

The fact that this was his fourteenth consecutive win and that his record total of winnings for Australasia has been increased to £51,462 scarcely seems so notable as the fact that the bookmakers refused to lay any sort of odds against this invincible horse. It is, perhaps, the most eloquent tribute ever paid to him.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE TAIKOO VOLUNTEER
CHALLENGE CUP.

A. MCINDOE WINS.

The eighteenth competition for the Taikoo Volunteer Challenge Cup was held at the Taikoo Rifle Range on Sunday, when the following practices were carried out.

200 yards, deliberate, 4 ft. musket target; 5 rounds.

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300 yards, snapshooting, 4 ft. musket target; 5 rounds.

300 yards, rapid, 4 ft. musket target; 10 rounds.

500 yards, deliberate, 6 ft. musket target; 5 rounds.

The total "possible" number of points is 115.

There were eleven competitors, and after a very keen contest Mr. A. McIndoe (scratch) won with an aggregate of 101 points.

A consolation prize, kindly presented by Mr. J. D. Danby to the runner-up, was won by Mr. D. C. Walmsley (scratch) with a total of 100 points. Mr. C. H. Summers (scratch) was third with a score of 98.

The Cup, presented by Mr. G. W. Swire, is a handsome one made of English silver and mounted on a blackwood stand, surrounded with small shields on which the winner's name is inscribed each year. The trophy has to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner, but each holder receives a miniature cup—an exact replica in design of the original.

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Club. Ultimately, they were persuaded to invite the R. and A. to be represented at their meeting, and nothing revolutionary happened. But a man who ought to know told me the other day that the old spirit is surging again.

Pot Luck. If anything could have bound the Unions to work in concert, it ought to have been the resolve to which their requirements would be stated to St. Andrews. Yet the Scottish Union cannot support the English Union in organising the match between amateurs and professionals.

In these circumstances, it is hardly matter for surprise that very little respect for the England v. Scotland contest was shown at St. Andrews last season. Until a few years ago this event was controlled by the Royal and Ancient Club.

The Unions of the respective countries have since taken charge of it, and on the most recent occasion, it had to take pot luck with all the private practice rounds that were in progress on the eve of the championship.

One international player who did not mind half-hour waits on teeing grounds, told me how repeatedly he had to stand astride over his ball while the thousands of onlookers rushed forward in pursuit of their favourites, caring nothing what happened to other players. There was hardly any control.

This ideal of defending the ball must be a dreadful preliminary to a person of peaceful instincts. No body ought to be subjected to it.

There is another point of importance in connection with the government of the games. Everybody at St. Andrews was saying that championship ought not to be held there. As a public course, it is no more suitable than Hyde Park would be for a Test match at cricket. At the same time, nobody would like to see the old course shorn of its birthright. An entirely new scheme of controlling the crowd is needed.

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BRITISH GAMES AT
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Paavo Nurmi Likely to
Enter.

HAMPSON'S RECOVERY.

London, April 6.
The annual British Games will
be held on May 26, at Stamford
Bridge stadium.

German, Finnish and French
clubs have been invited to compete
against the Achilles Club.
It is likely that Paavo Nurmi will
take part and may bring several
fellow countrymen with him.

Considerable track and field
interest is already being shown in
the early season workouts of
Lord David Burghley. There is
also possibility that T. Hampson
will enjoy a speedy recovery from
his recent injuries.

Last year Burghley and Hampson
set new British records for
the 440-yard low hurdles and 880-
yards.

Hampson ran and won the
championship A.A.A. half-mile race at
Stamford Bridge last July in one min. 53-1/5 secs. and, at the
British Empire games held in
Canada, lowered the record to 1
min. 52-2/5 secs. Fit and well,
Hampson is considered a certainty
by British athletes to win the
800 metres in the Olympic Games
at Los Angeles in 1932.—United
Press.

SENSATIONAL GOAL
SCORED.

Curious Incident at
Burnley.

London, March 17.
A curious incident occurred during a Second Division match in the English Football League when Barnsley and Burnley met at Burnley on Saturday. Barnsley's goal in the first half certainly had originality about it. Harvey beat Somerville, the Burnley goalkeeper, but in so doing the pair crashed into and broke one of the goalposts causing the cross-bar to come down. The ball net enveloped both scorer and goalkeeper, and delayed play for a quarter of an hour.

ITALY'S ATHLETES
RESTING.

Rome, March 10.
In order to give athletes a
chance to rest before an elimination
meet in 1932 to determine the
Italian Olympic team, the athletic
federation has shortened the
sports programme for this year.—
Associated Press.

WESTERN SPORTS
IN JAPAN

Huge Baseball Arena
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RUGBY AND TENNIS.

Tokyo, April 9.
A further indication of the
growing popularity of Western
sports in Japan is seen in the an-
nouncement that a baseball ground
with accommodation for a hundred
thousand spectators will be estab-
lished in Shibaura, on the out-
skirts of Tokyo, by next Spring.

The estimated cost is Y.96,000,
for which appropriations will be
asked in the supplementary bud-
get which is to be introduced in
the Municipal Assembly shortly.

The Municipal authorities are
also planning to establish "rug-
ger" grounds and tennis courts at
a cost of Y.3,500,000.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—
H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Cham-
pionship—
P. T. Rozario v. H. W. Randall.
D. E. Carvalho v. C. M. Sequeira.
Kowloon Chess Club Junior
Championship—
H. Bush v. T. G. Stokes.
M. Taquet v. A. J. Birukoff.
J. N. da Silva v. B. Soltau.
R. B. Jackson v. Paul.

Friday—Kowloon Chess Club
Junior Championship—
B. Soltau v. T. G. Stokes.
H. Bush v. M. Taquet.

A. J. Birukoff v. R. B. Jackson.
Paul v. J. N. da Silva.

FOOTBALL—To-day—H.K.F.A.
Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Kowloon Football
Club Dance at the Peninsula
Hotel.

Saturday—*Sunday Herald*
Charity Cup Final—Scotland v.
China.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Open-
ing of League Season.

May 9—Entries close for Open
Singles Championship.

RACING—Saturday—Third
Extra Race Meeting, Happy Val-
ley.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—April 25—Eng-
lish Cup Final, Wembley.

GOLF—April 29—English
Amateur Championship.

April 25 and 26—Professional
Tournament, Torquay.

April 27—Army Championship,
Sandwich.

RACING—April 29—Two Thou-
sand Guineas.

PRINCE OF WALES
HOLES IN ONE.

MASHIE NIBLICK.

Rio de Janeiro, March 26.
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Wales, who holed out in one at

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chance to rest before an elimination
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sports programme for this year.—
Associated Press.

Montevideo, March 25.

It is learned that the Prince of
Wales, who holed out in one at

Buenos Aires, March 25.

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Bombay, March 25.

Shanghai, March 25.

Hong Kong, March 25.

Yokohama, March 25.

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about 120 yards.

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FORTUNE WASTED IN
TWO YEARS.

Wealthy Young Man
Fleeced by Crooks.

INHERITOR DEAD.

Behind the tragic death of the twenty-five-year-old Briton, Basil Mundy, in an hotel at Royan, near Bordeaux, recently, there lies an astounding story of plundering and swindling.

Mundy took his own life after having squandered in a little over two years a fortune of £260,000 which he inherited under his grandfather's will on his twenty-first birthday, and became a bankrupt.

A statement of affairs showed his liabilities to be £26,348, and his assets were estimated at £33,684, apart from various interests of uncertain value.

His household and personal expenditure since April 1925 up to the time of his bankruptcy had amounted to £51,679.

Mundy was married a few years ago, but at the time of his death he was divorced from his wife. There was one child.

An Allowance.

Some time ago he obtained a situation as a chauffeur, but after a few weeks he gave up his employment and went abroad.

He was seen again in London, and although his father had arranged to give him a weekly allowance, he had deposited a sum in a bank on which he could draw, the money had been untouched during the past few weeks.

Recently Scotland Yard was asked by Major Mundy to investigate certain information which had reached him in connection with the rapid disposal of his son's fortune.

How did this boy—for he was nothing else—manage to dissipate such a fortune in such a short time?

Mundy was "picked up" in the West-end of London by a man who specializes in the "finding of rich mugs." He is a man who has been for years associated with gaming dens, night clubs of the most disreputable description, and "swell" crooks who have a regular modus operandi in dealing with "pigeons" who are worth plucking.

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NEVER LOOK BACK.

What Mussolini Said to
Vanderbilt.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, junior,
is considering filing a civil suit
against General Smedley Butler,
according to an article published
in the San Diego Sun, as an after-
math of the Butler-Mussolini incident
which caused the United States' apology to Italy.

Mr. Vanderbilt is quoted as
declaring that he would sue the
General unless "certain things are
retracted and others cleared up."

Mr. Vanderbilt is reported to
feel that, while the Butler court-
martial is abandoned, he is still in
an uncomfortable position regard-
ing the story of Signor Mussolini
killing a child. He also stated,
according to the paper, that he
had understood when he told the
story that his remarks were not to
be repeated outside the walls of
the room, adding that General Butler
violated this confidence.

Mr. Vanderbilt is also reported
to have accused General Butler of
quoting him inaccurately. He de-
clared: "Butler credited me with
saying Mussolini killed a child
while motoring and then drove on
with the remark, 'What is one life
in the affairs of State?'"

Mr. Vanderbilt, the paper states,
then gave his version of the story
he told, saying: "I was riding with
Mussolini who was driving the car.
A small child ran in front of the
machine and was hit. I looked back
to see if the child were hurt.
As I did so Mussolini placed his
hand on my knee saying, 'Never
look back.' Vanderbilt. 'Always
look ahead in life.'

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PASSION.French Jurymen Are So
Gallant.

EVEN IF IT IS MURDER!

M. Farallicq, who was until recently the chief inspector of the Paris Police Judiciaire—the Criminal Investigation Department of Paris—is writing his memoirs.

I remember M. Farallicq in the Landru case—a tall, thin, scholarly man with rimless glasses, a pale face, and a slight stoop, written a special correspondent of the Evening Standard. He looked more like a literary critic than a detective, and I was not greatly astonished when he confessed to me that he had carried off the poetry prize at his lycée and still published occasional little books of rather wistful verse.

M. Farallicq is not a great poet, but he was a brilliant detective. And the percentage of unsolved crime mysteries has perceptibly risen since his departure from the grim grey building on the Seine.

Murder For Profit.

For if Spring, as one ingenious theorist claims, is the season most propitious to crimes of passion, Winter appears to be that chosen for murders for profit.

The very winter atmosphere of the town, upon which the leaden sky has settled like a pall, recalls that of Edgar Allan Poe's "Murders in the Rue Morgue," and recently these half-forgotten literary crimes have sprung from their vague early 19th century remoteness into a grim proximity.

One feels that Paris is no longer to-day the gay lighted, unreserved place that it was even yesterday. It is a town full of secrets, and secretive men and women hurry by, moving mysteriously like shadows in a grey world, their very attitude one of concealment. It is the true atmosphere of crime. And it is the murders which occur in Paris that perhaps not merely coincidence that daily have multiplied with the coming of darkness.

We can now boast of three murders a day. It is perhaps not a high average. But it contents us. More would not be in harmony with the cool and logical mind of the French, which permits passion an occasional crime, and a penalty in just proportion, but which abhors the cold and calculated homicides which are frequent among races like the Anglo-Saxons of a colder but a fonder mind.

Godfrey Mundy, the paper states, then gave his version of the story he told, saying: "I was riding with Mussolini who was driving the car. A small child ran in front of the machine and was hit. I looked back to see if the child were hurt. As I did so Mussolini placed his hand on my knee saying, 'Never look back.' Vanderbilt. 'Always look ahead in life.'

Silent Witness.

French justice has something of the simplicity of paradox. It is gloriously unequal. It is unfair to everybody except the accused, and occasionally it is unfair even to him, especially if, as often is the case, he happens to be innocent. It is unfair to the judges, who are ridiculously underpaid. It is unfair to the attorneys, who are in proportion grossly overpaid (but receive far from the enormous fees pocketed by their colleagues at the British bar). It is almost invariably unfair to the memory of the dead, and to the heirs of that silent accusing witness of whom almost every actor in a great murder trial in the French courts appears to be oblivious.

But in this orgy of inequality the prisoner is sometimes overlooked. He is not, as in other countries, the man against whom all men's hands are turned. And on the whole fewer innocent men are condemned than guilty men go free. Can any other country claim so high a balance of justice?

That is the reason, perhaps, why so many arrested men in France confess their guilt. They do not wish, at their subsequent trial, to be given the doubtful benefit of the doubt. They prefer to abandon themselves to the inherent mercy which justice reveals, in the face of an unhappy criminal caught in the meshes of the vast net of the police, rather than risk the worst vengeance of society by challenging its justice and responsibility for the crime.

Gallantry.

The majority of the daily murders of Paris are crimes committed by women. Yet a jury of males invariably hesitates to send them to the guillotine. And even if they are condemned to death their sentence is invariably commuted by a charitable President of a Republic which shows its gallantry to women in their last and most desperate moments.

Even the executioner of the Republic, M. Delibier, is a man with a weak heart. He cannot climb the stairs of his own apartment house, although in an immutable sense of duty drives him, upon dreadful occasions, to climb the steeper steps to the scaffold.

But his stern official task has at last proved too much for him. He is but a faltering successor of that terrible Samson family, father and son, and son's son who served the guillotine for three generations, like priests of an Ateo god hungry for the sacrifice of blood.

When M. Delibier abandons his grim profession there will be few to volunteer for the office. And I

can foresee, within our own life-time, a day when the guillotine will stand idle and forgotten in the great French prisons, its sinister knife rusted and unused, its chariot wheels broken in the dust.

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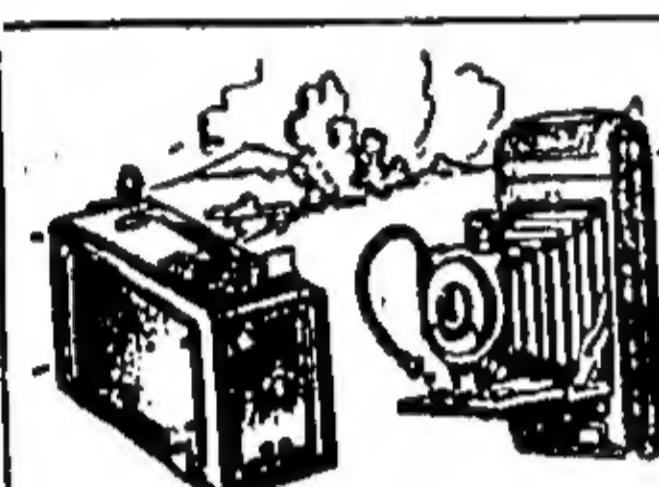
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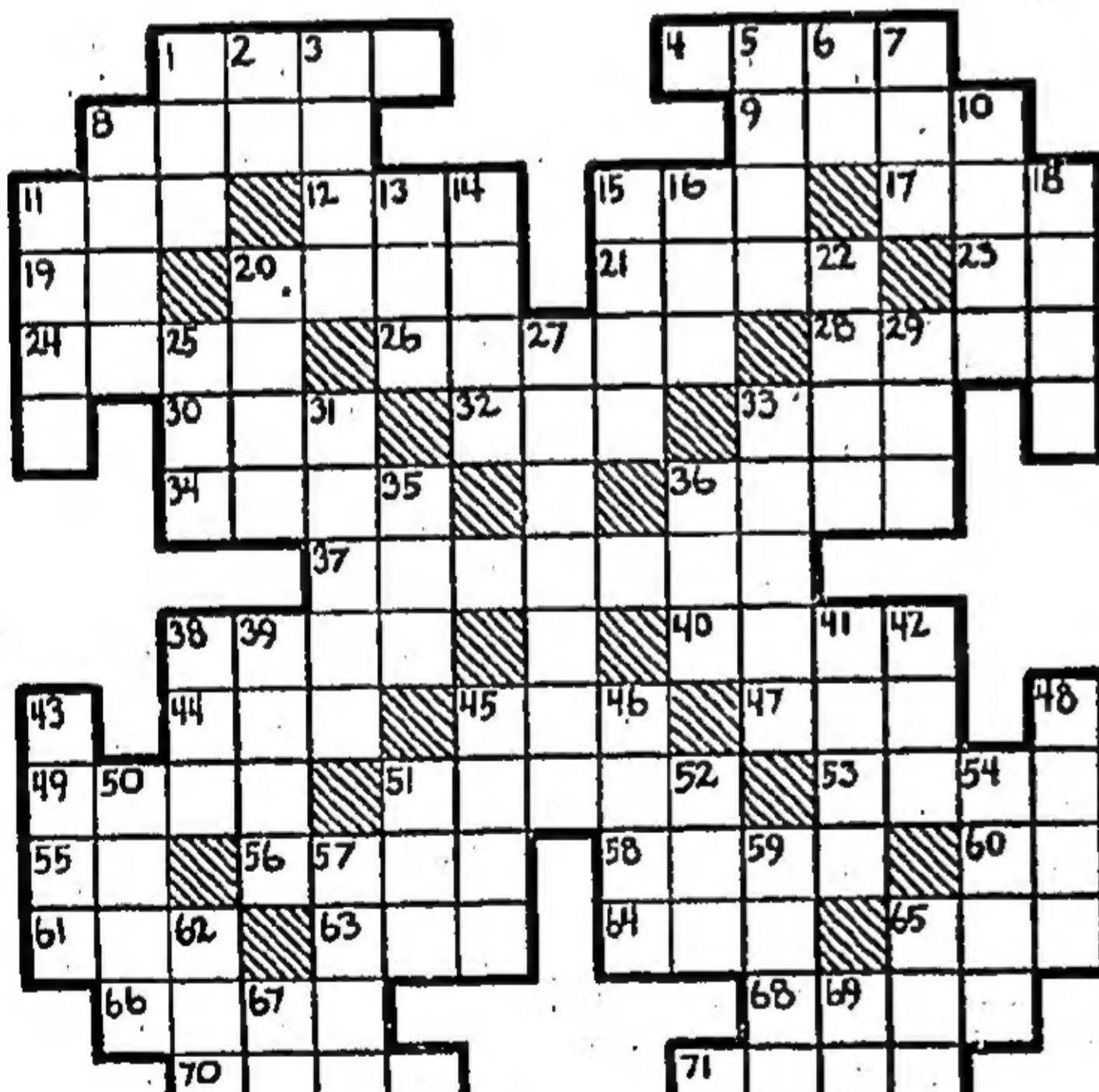
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-Finest

4-Tear

8-Dispatched

9-Land measure

11-Order

12-Writing fluid

15-Vehicle

17-Part of head

18-Egyptian sun-god

20-One of a tribe of N. American Indians

21-Associate of the Royal Society of Arts (abbr.)

26-Smallest State in U. S. (abbr.)

24-A high Turkish official

26-Allure

28-Small children

30-Decay

32-American writer

33-A fish

34-A heroic poem

36-Arrived

37-Customs

38-Blide

40-Twelve months

44-Apple

46-A high explosive (abbr.)

48-Female name (abbr.)

50-Wife

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49-To walk lame

51-An ancient city of Greece

53-A river in Germany

55-By

56-To wither

58-Parcels

60-Prefab. Two

61-Number

63-To strive for superiority

64-Parched

65-Remark (abbr.)

66-in a greater quantity

68-Unlock

70-Accomplished

71-To break suddenly

72-Vertical

1-Piece of furniture

2-Half an em.

3-Agitate

5-Wanders from the truth

6-Negative

7-Female deer

8-Kingdom of S. E. Asia

10-A javelin

12-Enhance

15-Resist

16-Wrap

VERTICAL (Cont.)

10-Skill

16-Ascend

20-A crawl

22-Smallest particle

23-Angel

27-The early part of the day

29-A lyric poem

31-Shy

35-Boxes

35-Head covering

36-To shed tears

38-Boy's name (short)

39-Edges

41-On the top

42-A color

43-Thin narrow board

45-Large wooded plant

46-Throw

48-Extremely neat

50-An entry in an account

51-S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)

52-Ocean

54-Paradise

57-Smooth

59-English school

60-To bow the head

62-Material with a corded surface

67-Square land measure (abbr.)

68-Father

69-Father

70-Father

RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.E.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

6-6.39 p.m.—Instrumental. Oh Vermeland, Thou Lovely, Victor String Ensemble (1923).

The Music Box, Victor Woodwind Ensemble (1923).

Pianoforte Solo—Etude in D Flat (Liszt), In the Night (Schumann), Harold Bauer (1928).

Violin Solo—La Ronde Des Lutins (Dance of the Goblins) (A. Buzzini), Scherzo—Tarantelle (Henryk Wieniawski), Jascha Heifetz (1919).

Pianoforte Solo—On the Banks of the Danube (J. Kurucz), John Kurucz (V12).

Violin Solo—Rondino (Kreisler), Fair Rosemary (Kreisler), Fritz Kreisler (1926).

6.39-7.17 p.m.—Humorous Numbers.

Orchestral—Dance of the Toy Regiment, Warblings at Eve, Victor Salon Orchestra (1924).

Vocal Duet—Hoosier Hop, I'm Following You!, The Duncan Sisters (1926).

Song—You and My Old Guitar, My Little Lady, Jimmie Rodgers (V40072).

Pianoforte Solo—Just for To-night, A Little Kiss Each Morning, John Kurucz (V38).

Song—To Whom it May Concern, Yours and Mine, Johnny Melvin (22004).

7.17-7.41 p.m.—Quintet in A Minor (Schumann), Pianoforte Quartet (MS1).

7.41-8 p.m.—Songs of the Past Sung by the Victor Mixed Chorus (35825 & 35872).

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

8.05-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

WIRELESS & CONTROVERSY.

Manchester, March 21.

Last night's wireless listeners in Britain should have heard a German radio play, already broadcast with acceptance from several European stations, which has as its theme the Russian rescue of the recent Italian Arctic expedition under General Nobile. The play had been submitted to the B.B.C. some months ago and approved. It was

suddenly cancelled two days before production while in full rehearsal. We may well wonder why. The broadcasting authorities have a duty to avoid frankly propagandist items in their programmes, and, as recent criticism in the House of Lords and elsewhere bears witness, they do not always succeed in doing this. But if the cancellation of this play is the result of such criticism it shows a misplaced nervousness.

The moral attached to "Krasin Saves Italia," if a moral there be, is that in the face of disaster incurred in pursuit of scientific discovery politics are forgotten and Bolshevik and Fascist meet in an emergency that tests their common manhood to the exclusion of all else. That is not, one would think, likely to convert any British listener to the doctrines of Marx, though it may well reinforce his belief in the interdependence of mankind. But, this instance apart, it is to be hoped that the B.B.C. are not going to be scared by legitimate criticism into attempting to fillet their programmes of controversial matter. That is neither possible nor desirable. The most harmless of talk on plays or books is necessarily packed with material for dispute; the most sincere and well-informed lecture on the future of India or on foreign affairs must bristle with matter for disagreement. The business of the B.B.C. if its service is to be protected from a paralyzing dullness, must be to let the battle of views proceed and to keep the ring fairly.—Manchester Guardian.

TREATMENT OF A BASEBOARD.

If you intend to use a wooden baseboard as a permanent part of the receiver, it is a good plan to give it two or three coats of shellac or varnish before mounting any instruments on it. It will then be less susceptible to warping than if it were left uncoated.

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RECENT ADVANCES.

In these enlightened times, when the mind of man is occupied with the wonders of modern science and engineering, exemplified on the one hand by wireless telegraphy and on the other by bridges and various vehicles of transport, and more especially in this year of economic stress, when we are apt to consider that our lot is hard, it would be of considerable benefit to our self-inflicted ills were we to ponder for a moment and to realize how much better off than our forefathers we really are in respect of what is, after all, of greatest importance—our good health. The surgeon is not lagging behind his brother-scientists in the care of the greatest and most wondrous of all machines—the human body. Who is a surgeon? And what the nature of his art?

Guy de Chauliac has written: "The conditions necessary for the surgeon are four: First, he should be learned; second, he should be expert; third, he must be ingenious; and fourth, he should be able to adapt himself." Hippocrates said, 450 years before Christ: "The surgeon must be prepared not only to do what is right himself, but also to make the patient, the assistants, accessories, and surroundings co-operate with him."

Special Dedication.

Upon the nature of his art we may quote to-day's President of the Royal College Surgeons of England (Lord Moynihan of Leeds): "Surgery is not only a craft, though craftsmanship of a high order is essential. It is a profession to which a man should feel not only complete devotion, but also a sense of special dedication. Its practice requires the most flawless integrity in thought and act. It is not lightly to be undertaken by any who have not first surrendered to an iron discipline of training by the masters of their art." It was actually within the lifetime of some of our readers that a Briton (Lord Lister) on March 16, 1867, published his first paper on the subject of Antiseptics, and be it noted that this famous man freely acknowledged the work of his French contemporaries (Pasteur).

The first surgical operation under general anaesthesia was performed on October 16, 1846, by Dr. John C. Warren at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, U.S.A. The anaesthetic agent used was sulphur ether, and it was administered by Dr. William T. G. Morton, a dentist of the same city. Morton had previously experimented upon himself, and volunteers tested the safety and efficiency of his discovery.

It was Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes who suggested the name "anaesthesia" for the state, with its adjective "anaesthetic." Holmes himself should be remembered with gratitude by mankind for his essay on "The Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever," 1848.

Chloroform was first used by Sir James Young Simpson (Professor of Midwifery, Edinburgh University) in 1843.

Wood's Discovery.
The discovery by Alexander Wood, of Edinburgh, in 1853, of hypodermic injections by means of a hollow needle, rendered possible the more rapid and exact exhibition of drugs. In this method the required medicament is placed in a state of solution beneath the skin. Only those who have been relieved almost instantaneously when suffering acute pain can appreciate its advantage.

Cocaine for local anaesthetic purposes was first injected by Von Anrep in the year 1879. Its analgesic properties had been previously observed by many men. This drug is admirable for the prevention of local pain, but has also very definite poisonous properties. Of recent years many safe alternatives of this preparation are in daily use in the practice of surgery.

X-rays were discovered by Professor Rontgen in Wurzburg in December, 1895, whilst he was experimenting on the passage of electricity through rarefied gases.

The element radium was isolated from its compounds by Madame Curie in 1910. Its presence had been discovered by the same observer and her husband some years previously.

Slight Risk of Operations.

The reader will now realize how comparatively new is the scientific knowledge upon which modern surgery has built its sure foundation. In the pre-Listerian era, to submit to a major surgical procedure was to court death. Now, it may truly be said that a leisurely walk down one of Sydney's main streets is fraught with more risk to life than a modern surgical operation, provided always that the patient's general health be good.

More than this, should the subject be in weak condition, the surgeon is able, in many instances, to improve the physical state, by taking advantage of the almost daily observations of his colleagues. If, for example, he be exhausted by the loss of body fluids from frequent vomiting, his immediate needs may be supplied, by injecting into his veins a solution of glucose (sugar) with an appropriate dose of insulin, to enable the tissues to make use of this readily absorbed food. Insulin is probably the most brilliant medical discovery of the last decade.

The honour of this benefit belongs to Banting of Toronto, Canada. As is generally known, it was introduced for the treatment of diabetes, and its main use occurs in the practice of the physician. If loss of blood be the cause of the patient's slender hold on life, blood transfusion can now be safely practised.

When this procedure was first known, there was considerable danger not only to the recipient, but also to the donor. Now, owing to accurate observations made during the Great War, that blood falls into certain groups, some of which are not compatible with others, the safety of accepting the generous offer of one human being to give his life's blood to save another may be determined with scientific accuracy.

The giver may go about his daily business without fear. For some dread accompaniments of wounds, specific anti-sera of great efficiency are in daily use. We do not sufficiently appreciate how many of our soldiers were spared the lethal "lockjaw" by the routine injection of anti-tetanic serum to all wounded.

Only during the past two or three years has a serum been perfected to attack the virulent gas forming organisms which caused such havoc from gas-gangrene in the tetanic combat. This serum is now being used in our public hospitals by surgeons who know only too well, the dreadful effects of this particular kind of germ. The lives of not a few of our citizens have already been saved by this important discovery. Its use moreover, has been

shown by a British surgeon to be of great advantage in the toxæmia engendered by obstruction of the bowel.

Another Wonder.

Another wonder of the past five years is known as the Graham test, after the American surgeon—a recent visitor to our shores—who introduced it to the surgical world. Its essential feature is that a drug which rejoices in the name of Sodiumtetradropine nolphathaine, is swallowed. Absorption takes place from the intestine, and secretion in the liver. The substance is opaque to X-rays, and may now be shown by the radiographer. Should the dye fail to enter the gall bladder, the logical inference is drawn that its duct is blocked. Of still more recent knowledge, and used for the first time in Sydney during the current year, is Uroselectan. This is injected into one's veins, and excreted by the kidneys, when an X-ray photograph of the urinary tracts may be taken. Speaking of these organs, it is now commonplace for the surgeon actually to inspect the interior of the bladder, and to collect urine from either kidney. Last century this procedure was practically unknown. The services of the bio-chemist are daily utilized to determine the function of the kidneys, in particular, by estimating the amount of urea present in the blood. By this and numerous other tests, the efficiency of these organs becomes a known quantity.

In cases of certain diseases of the stomach and intestines, surgery now has the valuable diagnostic aid of radiography after the ingestion of an opaque meal.

Rubber Gloves.

Twenty years ago, the use of surgical rubber gloves to protect the patient from germs carried on the hands of the surgeon and his assistants, was scarcely known. To-day, the wisdom of this precaution is universally practised.

Do any of us realize just how many individuals are called into activity when a citizen is suddenly attacked by an abdominal crisis—for instance? The patient usually becomes abruptly aware during the day, that something is amiss. By evening, the fears of himself and his friends are naturally increased, and the local doctor is summoned. Should the unlucky one belong to, for these purposes, the unfortunate class, who cannot afford the expense of private treatment, an ambulance is called, and he is conveyed to one of our great public hospitals, where he is admitted by the senior resident medical man on duty. This officer in turn telephones the surgeon of the week, and announces that "an acute abdomen has been admitted into one of your beds, sir." While the surgeon is on his way the night sister is informed and hastens to prepare the theatre assisted by two nurses. A consultation is held, and if necessary, the patient is prepared for operation in the ward by another nurse, and transferred to the theatre by the wardsman. He is there anaesthetised by a doctor, and the needful work done by the surgeon aided by one or two qualified assistants, a sister, and at least one other nurse, and an instrument attendant who in urgent cases is often also a medical man. So five doctors, four nurses, and a wardsman will have all participated in an endeavour to relieve human suffering.

Modern surgery demands that, in difficult cases, the physician, pathologist, bacteriologist, bio-chemist, radiographer, and anaesthetist shall all be called to aid in determining the wisest course to pursue for the preference of the patient. But the conclusion of the whole matter depends upon the judgment and dexterity of the directing surgeon.

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